

based on said comparison when said retrieved characteristic information sufficiently matches said master characteristic information.

31. (Twice Amended) The [dimension] device of claim 30, wherein said depth dimension is about 12½ inches.

34. (Twice Amended) A compact multiple currency identification system for identifying currency bills of different denominations of a plurality of currency systems comprising:

a discriminating unit for retrieving characteristic information from one or more bills; a memory for storing master characteristic information associated with each genuine bill which the system is capable of identifying; said memory storing master characteristic information associated with at least one genuine bill from each of at least two currency systems; and

a signal processing means for comparing said retrieved characteristic information with master characteristic information associated with at least one genuine bill, said signal processing means generating an indication of the [identity] denomination of said bill based on said comparison when said retrieved characteristic information sufficiently matches said master characteristic information, wherein said system is relatively compact.

REMARKS

This application has been allowed by a notice of allowance mailed August 5, 1999, batch number W74. The foregoing amendment after allowance is requested to place the claims in better form, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

With respect to claim 18, this amendment adds limitations identical to those in claim 1, in the same form as in allowed claim 1. This amendment to claim 18 is necessary to provide proper antecedent basis for depending claims 19-25.

During a telephone interview with the undersigned on October 14, 1999, the Examiner indicated that the foregoing amendments were acceptable. The Examiner is thanked for his helpfulness.

It is requested that applicant's undersigned representative be notified of the acceptance and entrance of the foregoing amendments. Should any other question arise

concerning the foregoing amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned representative at the number given hereinbelow.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. CUMM139--1.

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